

PHAP19-00017

Date: March 11, 2019

Application Type: Certificate of Appropriateness

Property Owner: City of El Paso Representative: Manuel Aguilar

Legal Description: 5 Mills 25 Ft. on Mills X 80 Ft. Beg 65 Ft. of NWC

(2000 Sq. Ft.), City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

Historic District: Downtown

112 E. Mills Avenue Location:

Representative District: #8

Existing Zoning: C-5/H (Commercial/Historic)

Year Built: 1949

Historic Status: Non-Contributing

Certificate of Appropriateness for alteration to façade to include Request:

installation of brick, windows, canopy, and signs

Application Filed: 3/6/2019 45 Day Expiration: 4/20/2019

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

The applicant seeks approval for:

Certificate of Appropriateness for alteration to façade to include installation of brick, windows, canopy, and signs

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Historic Preservation Office recommends APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS of the proposed scope of work based on the following recommendations:

The Design Guidelines for the Downtown Historic District recommend the following:

- San Jacinto Plaza Zone: Proportion and spacing of new construction should be similar to those existing buildings facing the plaza, Mills Building, Banner Building and the Cortez.
- Horizontal, casement or picture windows are not historic and should be avoided.
- Materials should be compatible with the structure and other elements particular to the historic district.
- Awnings and canopies should be placed at the top of openings, but they should not cover important architectural details/elements.
- Awnings and canopies should be of an appropriate size and scale in relation to the building's façade.
- Fixtures should not extend across the facades of several buildings. Instead, fixtures should fit within vertical elements such as columns.
- Colors on awnings and canopies should be considered carefully. Generally, colors should relate to a structure's overall color scheme.
- On canopies, signs can be mounted above (along its front edge), or shingle signs can be suspended from the ceiling.
- Appropriate materials for the Pioneer Plaza, San Jacinto Plaza, San Antonio and South El Paso Zones are brick, stone, terra-cotta, glazed tile, and concrete. Non-contributing buildings may use materials which are compatible in texture and color with the predominant materials in neighboring landmarks or contributing buildings.
- New construction should duplicate some of the masonry detailing found on historic landmarks.
- San Jacinto Plaza Zone: It is recommended that storefronts be similar to that of the Cortez. The storefront has a relatively small wainscot with large display windows and the large double entry doors are topped with a transom.
- On-premise signs should be located in close proximity to the activity it is identifying. In most cases, the best location is usually above, on, and/or near the front door.
- Signs shall not exceed thirty square feet in all commercial and manufacturing districts, and should not exceed six feet in height.
- Designs should be innovative and compatible with the building and/or the surrounding area
- New construction should be compatible with existing historic materials and construction details.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation recommend the following:

• Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.

The modifications are that the brick façade be a light brick to reflect the building materials around the plaza and that the cornice be modified to better reflect the architecture of the district.

AERIAL MAP



PROPOSED ELEVATIONS AND SECTIONS

